

Foreclosure On Farm Shocks Elderly Pair



LOSES FARM: Jesse Bader, and his dog Vironica, look over the forty-acre farm located near Marine City that Bader and his wife Wilmuth owned for 18 years. A bank claimed the Baders owed it about \$9,500. The bank bought their farm at a foreclosure auction for \$9,800, apparently without the Baders knowledge. (AP Wirephoto)

Bank Purchases 40 Acres, House At Court Auction

MARINE CITY, Mich. (AP) — The sad strains of country music flowing through Jesse and Wilmuth Bader's farm house echo the sorrow of the el-

derly couple who have seen 18 years of labor and love die under the auctioneer's gavel.

A bank, claiming the Baders owed about \$9,500, bought their 40-acre farm at a foreclosure auction for \$9,800, apparently without the Baders' knowledge, leaving them virtually nothing.

"That was a year ago May, but we didn't know about it," Bader said, squinting into the autumn sun. "As soon as the redemption period ended (this past May) the bank...tells us we don't own our farm anymore. That was the first time we knew anything even was wrong."

Jesse, 66, and his wife moved out to the farm 18 years ago from the Detroit suburbs while he still was employed at a Detroit box-making firm. Up until five years ago he farmed the land while continuing to drive daily to his job at the factory.

"We had a small herd of milking cows and over 800 chickens here at one time," Bader said. "But a small tornado destroyed the barn about five years ago and that about ended the farming and such."

But the Baders, both of whom grew up in rural central Ohio, have continued to use part of the land to raise vegetables.

"We've never been afraid of hard work here," Bader said. "But it is tough being behind the eight ball."

The core of the Baders' dilemma seems to lie somewhere between poor financial management by the elderly couple and lack of communication between them and the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul. In December, 1970, the Baders borrowed \$7,000 from the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul through its local Federal Land Bank Association in nearby Richmond, Mich. Both the banks and associations are chartered by the federal government and subject to federal supervision. The loan was made against a first lien on the farm.

Coupled with the unpaid balance from a previous loan, the Baders owed the bank about \$9,500 which they were to repay in semi-annual installments.

Bader wanted the money to purchase aluminum siding for the house and to remodel por-

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Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Adv.

Heavy Fog Slows Traffic

A heavy fog that slowed work-bound traffic blanketed major portions of southwestern Michigan this morning.

The fog appeared to be confined to a belt stretching inland from Lake Michigan inland some 30 miles.

Law enforcement agencies said traffic was forced to move slower than normal, but no major accidents were attributed to the poor visibility.

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Lakeside Man Named Special Milliken Aide

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Charles Greenleaf Jr. of Lakeside, a former administrative assistant to Gov. William Milliken, has been named by Milliken as special legislative assistant.

Greenleaf is a native of Chicago and has also lived in Elkhart, Ind. He holds a B.A. degree from the Woodrow Wilson college of Public Affairs at Princeton university.

The 32-year-old Greenleaf served as administrative assistant to Milliken for policies and programs before leaving in February 1971 for graduate study at the London School of Economics.

He succeeds Keith Molin as the governor's legislative liaison.

Greenleaf joined Milliken's staff as an administrative assistant for research in 1968.

One of Greenleaf's major assignments while on the governor's staff was to help develop Milliken's educational finance reform program.

Greenleaf also has taught in public schools and has worked in school administration. In 1964-65, he was on the staff of the North Carolina Advancement School, operated by the Experimental Learning Institute of North Carolina.



MEDAL FOR MAMIE: Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, center, poses with Mrs. Mary T. Brooks, right, director of the U.S. Bureau of Mint and Lt. Gen. Daniel James, Jr., after they presented her with the first silver bicentennial commemorative medal for display in the Eisenhower Library in Kansas. Similar medals will be presented to the nation's five other presidential libraries and to President Nixon. Presentation made at Mrs. Eisenhower's Gettysburg Farm Monday. Medal was authorized by Congress. (AP Wirephoto)

Cash Rent Policy Being Questioned

The presidents of the Benton Harbor and Benton township housing commissions say their names were used without authorization on notices banning cash rental payments by public housing tenants.

P. Joseph Flaugh, Benton Harbor, and Elery Hoatlin, Benton township, said they were not consulted about the directive which came from the office of Sammie Smith, executive director of the housing commissions.

The matter never had been brought before the housing commissions, according to Flaugh and Hoatlin.

The notices said that starting Oct. 1 all rents must be paid by money orders or certified checks. Cash would no longer be accepted. Personal checks also are prohibited.

Flaugh, also a city commissioner, said he disagrees with the principle of the policy, especially in the case of elderly tenants who could find it difficult to get certified checks or money orders.

Smith was reported out of town and not available for comment.

The notice of the new policy appeared to quote Flaugh and Hoatlin. It said:

"We regret having to establish this policy, but until such time that the crime rate in the community decreases, we must insist on this method of paying rents."

The names of Flaugh and Hoatlin as housing commission presidents were typed on the notices.

Flaugh said Harbor Towers for the elderly appears quite secure for the handling of cash. He noted the door is locked at all times and entry is only by key or permission.

Bad Coffee Fells 9

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP) — Nine staff members and psychology graduate students at Texas Tech University have been hospitalized after drinking coffee apparently made with duplicator fluid instead of water.



GAS DEALER 'CAPTURES' TANK TRUCK: Bob Smith, who runs a gas station at Costa Mesa, Calif., makes his protest against the higher price his supplier is charging. Smith is lounging in his pickup truck, which blocks the departure of a

huge gasoline tanker truck which had just unloaded gas at Smith's station. Some hours later, after pleading by officials of Atlantic Richfield, Smith finally moved his blockade. (AP Wirephoto)

'Bitter Bob' Gets Ear Of Big Company Brass

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Bob Smith figured enough was enough. The bill handed him by the Atlantic Richfield Co. gasoline truck driver was \$130.65 higher than the month before.

So while the huge rig was sending its 8,800 gallons of gas into Smith's underground tanks, the owner of Smith's Arco decided to demonstrate his displeasure.

He had three gas station employees move a junk car in behind the rig, take off the car's wheels and put it up on jack stands. Then Smith, a bearded, feisty fellow, drove his pickup truck in front of the rig, took out the spark-plugs and drained the oil.

Smith, smiling all the while, told the truck driver, Lou Henry, that he had work to do on his truck.

Henry telephoned his superiors Monday afternoon to tell them that Smith — the same guy who turned his gas station into a lemonade stand last month to protest high gas prices — was at it again.

Arco executives began showing up at Smith's place, but Bob kept on tinkering with his truck. Finally, Jacob F. Straub Jr.,

manager for distribution of Arco's Pacific Southwest area, drove down to Costa Mesa, a city 60 miles south of Los Angeles.

Smith offered Straub some fried chicken, but he didn't move his truck.

"Shut it (truck) down," shouted Straub to Henry, who by this time was sitting in Smith's office, eating fried chicken and reading girlie magazines. "Lock it up," Straub said, pointing to the truck. "Let's go home for dinner."

After an hour of arguing and without the police taking action — "he hasn't broken any law," said one officer — the 5-hour long episode ended when Smith suddenly found the right spark plugs, poured oil back into his truck and told Straub he'd had enough.

"I think I got my point across," Smith said Tuesday. "As far as I'm concerned, the so-called gas shortage is a farce by the major oil companies. There's plenty of gas to go around. Well, I was getting tired of paying higher and higher prices."



CHICAGO FROM SKYLAB: The metropolitan area of Chicago is encompassed in this Skylab Earth Resources Experiments Package taken on Sept. 18. The surrounding major cities of Hammond and Gary, Indiana; Aurora and Joliet, Illinois and East

Chicago are easily delineated. The commercial areas, transportation networks and agriculture lands can readily be detected. (AP Wirephoto from NASA)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Public Officeholders Must Show The Way

Before "law and order" can return to the nation's streets, says the National Advisory Commission of Criminal Justice, it first must be seen by the public to prevail in public office.

Not pulling any punches, the commission established by the President to consult on ways of reducing street crime reports bluntly that "corruption in government stands as a serious impediment to the task of reducing criminality in America."

Corruption appears in many forms, as the commission headed by former Delaware Gov. Russell Peterson detailed.

In addition to the more obvious forms, it also exists when public jobs are offered for political favors, contributors to political campaigns have

reason to expect some direct benefit in return and when "dependence on a source of campaign funding represents the most pervasive and constant pecuniary shackle on the judgment and action of elected officials."

Having gotten that off its chest, the commission went on to list numerous actions that state and local government bodies can take to insure corruption is kept to a minimum.

Among the recommendations are a ban on political contributions from anyone doing more than \$5,000 worth of business with the government and legislating heavy penalties for persons convicted of conflict of interest.

Obviously the commission believes the place to begin cleaning up street crime is somewhere else.

Political Haggling Keeps Oil In Short Supply

Americans have been led to believe that an oil shortage is largely responsible for the so-called energy crisis, but perhaps the truth lies elsewhere. A number of experts suggest that common sense is in far shorter supply than are petroleum reserves.

Recent news stories have shaken the nerves of consumers in countries dependent on imported Middle Eastern oil. Millions of Americans may face a chilly winter because of a projected fuel-oil shortage. Libya has taken over a controlling interest in all foreign drilling operations on its soil. And the 11-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has announced that it will start new price negotiations with the world's major oil companies on Oct. 8.

In his news conference of Sept. 5, President Nixon indicated that the United States was prepared to adopt a hard line toward the oil-producing states of the Middle East. "We, and Europe, are the market," Nixon said, "and I think that the responsible Arab leaders will see...that if they continue to up the price (of oil), if they do expropriate without fair compensation, the inevitable result is that they will lose their markets, and other sources will be developed."

The trouble is that development of new energy sources requires prodigious amounts of time and money. In the meantime, The Wall Street Journal says, "the threat not to buy oil is totally incredible, while the threat not to sell it is only mildly incredible."

Jahangir Amuzegar, chief of the Iranian Economic Mission in

Washington, D.C., contends that there is nothing sinister about the oil-producing nations' demands for higher prices. In his view, it is a matter of simple justice. "The main thrust of OPEC's struggle for recognition and representation of producers' interests has...been to see it to it that the price of crude oil like other energy prices reflects its true cost, and that the legitimate interests of the owners are protected."

Middle Eastern oil has been underpriced for years, Amuzegar argues. Cheap oil, in turn, fostered the illusion that supplies were limitless. The energy demands of industrial countries mounted accordingly, and little attention was paid to efficient use of oil. Higher prices, Amuzegar believes, will bring supply and demand into balance and reduce energy waste.

American policy-makers are convinced, nevertheless, that OPEC intends to use oil as a political weapon. James E. Akin, director of the State Department's office of fuels and energy, says: "The vulnerability of the advanced countries is too great and too plainly evident — and is about to extend to the United States."

Amuzegar's statements make sense to the oil producers, while Akin's fears seem rational to the oil-importing nations of the West. But of common sense — a view of the energy crisis shared by both parties — there is little. All that can be said with certainty is that oil prices will continue to rise as the search for alternative energy sources intensifies.

Jews Celebrating Their High Holy Days

For Christians, calendar year 1973 still has three months to go. But for Jews, a new year has just begun. Sept. 27 was Tishri 1, 5734, on the Hebrew calendar, and was duly celebrated as the feast day of Rosh Hashanah. It is second in importance only to Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), which falls this year on Saturday, Oct. 6.

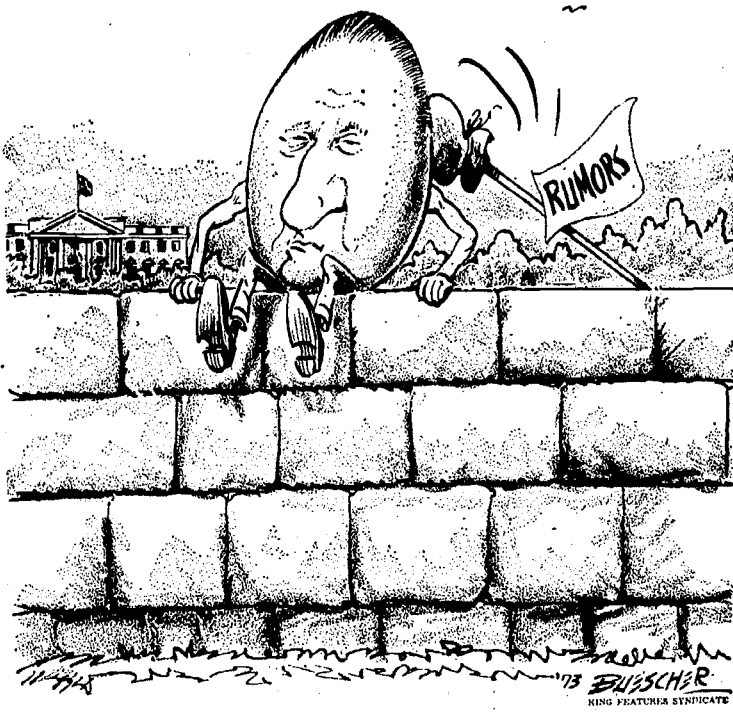
For Jews everywhere the High Holy Days or Days of Awe constitute a time of judgment, wherein the deeds of

every man are read by God and the destinies of every human being for the year to come are fixed. Jews have 10 days in which to search their individual consciences, to pray for mercy, to repent of misdeeds and pledge more ethical conduct, and to perform good works. The articulate Jewish layman, Herman Wouk, has described these High Holy Days as a "hypno-tic observance which still binds Jews to their identity when all other links have been rusted through or snapped."

As might be expected, the thoughts of most Jews in this season of spiritual reflection are with their co-religionists in the Soviet Union. A number of Jewish communities in the United States also have called for support of Israel's efforts to care for recent immigrants from the Soviet Union and elsewhere. The High Holy Days are a time not only of repentance but also of renewal of a deep sense of brotherhood.

Statues atop Wat Arun, a Buddhist temple in Bangkok, Thailand, are receiving a coat of epoxy resin to protect them from weather and disintegration, National Geographic says. Colorful bits of broken pottery and porcelain donated by the devout decorate the shrine.

Not A Push Over



GLANCING BACKWARDS

MORRIS JONES NAMED PRESIDENT — 1 Year Ago —

Morris R. Jones, 57, is the president of St. Joseph Kiwanis club, installed Tuesday on a platform of action. Morris said being president of Kiwanis was an honor and a challenge.

Jones of 4922 Washington avenue, St. Joseph, owns and operates Jones Real Estate. He is a trustee on the Lincoln Township board, formerly was chairman of its citizens planning committee, and a member of the St. Joseph Kiwanis club since 1962.

BRIDGMAN 'NOT URGED' TO JOIN LAKESHORE — 10 Years Ago —

School Supt. Robert Swartz today refuted a report that state officials had recommended the Bridgman district consider consolidation with the Lakeshore school district as an alternative to the proposed building program.

"It was merely something that came out in our discussion," Swartz said this morning, "and it was not intended as an alternative." Swartz also reported plans for a new \$975,000 Bridgman high school building.

YOUTH ADMITS FIVE ROBBERIES — 23 Years Ago —

Unloading stolen clothing and personal articles, as well as pliers, screwdrivers and a flashlight from his person. A 19 year old Attica, Ind., youth was arrested yesterday by city police on a charge of breaking and entering five St. Joseph business establishments.

Wearing stolen shoes at the time of his arrest, he admitted that his first crime in this city was his unauthorized entrance into the Tornquist greenhouses Tuesday night. Finding no

money there, he broke into the Terminal Materials building about 3 a.m., in search of cash.

DR. McDERMOTT HONORED — 39 Years Ago —

Dr. J. J. McDermott, prominent St. Joseph optician, was honored at the regular meeting of the St. Joseph Lions club, which has aided eight persons who are blind or suffering with impaired eyesight.

Dr. McDermott has rendered his service and skill free.

AWARDED DEGREE — 49 Years Ago —

The board of regents of the University of Michigan have awarded the degree of Bachelor

of Science and Engineering (mechanical) to Chester Swigert.

HOLD MISSION FESTIVAL — 59 Years Ago —

With crowds present, the annual mission festivals of Trinity Lutheran and St. Peter's Evangelical churches were celebrated at one of the biggest days in the history of either church. Visiting clergymen helped conduct services.

PURCHASES PROPERTY — 83 Years Ago —

Fred K. Root of Chicago, through the Schulz & Pixley agency, has purchased C. H. Springsteen's five-acre tract on Niles avenue.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

WRITE LONELY SERVICEMAN

Editor,
Whether one agrees with the administration's foreign and domestic policies or not, we believe everyone will agree that we should do all within our power for those fine young Americans who are serving our country, especially overseas. They do not make policy. But they do become exceedingly lonely.

We would like to urge your readers to write friendly letters of support and encouragement telling our servicemen we appreciate the job they are doing for America and the free world. Many would like to correspond on a regular basis. A letter or Christmas card requires very little effort yet means so much to a lonely man stationed far from home. Further information regard-

ing this project can be obtained by sending a stamped envelope to MOM (Military Overseas Mail), Box 127, Daly City, Ca. 94016. Thank you.

Lee Spencer
Coordinator

VIEWS ABOUT 'SHOTGUN MINISTER'

Editor,
In the Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1973, edition of this newspaper story entitled "Shotgun-Totin' Minister" Challenges Tax Collector" appeared on the front page. It is a pity that in these end times, at a moment when all should be turning to the Lord Jesus BEFORE His return; that such an absurd story should appear with obvious Satanic influence manifesting itself from beginning to end of the article.

At one point in the article it states: "Hancock is feuding with authorities over his refusal to collect the states four percent sales tax, which he contends 'not being used for good Christian people'." He also states that "... the gun will be around if I need it." This entire idea of Mr. Hancock's refusal to collect the state tax is totally incorrect in the eyes of God.

God expects His people to obey the laws of the state — observe traffic laws, respect police officers, pay taxes, etc., just as He expects us to obey His Holy rules. Using a gun is not God's way, either.

I must admit that one of the statements found in the article was one of the most revolting testimonies of hate and utter ignorance that I have ever had the misfortune to read! But yet we must not overlook it because it is such a fine example of the hate and ignorance of Satan!!!! I am, of course referring to the statement: "You know some of the taxes go to niggers and Jews." and "Christian people fled to America from Europe to get away from taxes and Jews."

Incredible is the only word for this!!! Has it ever occurred to Mr. Hancock that Jesus Christ was and still is a Jew? The chosen people of God were the Jews? Jesus originally came to earth to save only the Jews but because they refused to accept Him as the true Messiah (the chosen people of God) they were "good white Christians" Mr. Hancock refers to were also offered the salvation and grace of Christ.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara J. Burkett
St. Joseph

Ray Cromley

Capacity Shortage Hobbles Economy

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Our economic problems stem in part from the failure of the federal government to recognize the problems of industry.

Officials have assumed that regardless of what pressures they put on farmers and businessmen — anti-pollution, price controls, huge overseas credit programs, production restrictions — the men and women who run these concerns could take up the slack.

We are now finding this is not so. The social desirability of some of these government measures does not ease the difficulties.

It is clear that the inflation, the weakness of the dollar and the scarcities of key agricultural, industrial and consumer goods come because there is a shortage of capacity and of the materials to fuel needed production.

A number of foods, including wheat, may be higher in price and more difficult to get in the future because of a shortage of fertilizer, which in turn is due to a shortage of gas which is because gas companies have found it unprofitable to expand exploration and production sufficiently.

The shortage of petroleum in part is a shortage of refining capacity, in some measure due to the low profitability of

refineries, uncertainties over environmental regulations and the environmental fight over the Alaskan pipeline.

The shortage of electric power is to a degree a result of stiff new anti-pollution requirements and confusion over what the future holds. The shortage of low-pollution coal needed for power plants is intensified by a lack of knowledge as to what mining practices will be allowed, in view of the new emphasis on preserving the landscape.

Calculations by the research staff of the Federal Reserve Board indicate that in the first half of 1973 the rate of capacity utilization in plants producing steel, cement, aluminum, synthetic fibers, paper, paper board and in petroleum refining was at the highest level in more than two decades.

The board found that in many of these key materials producing industries there has been little growth in productive capacity of late. For several years, productive capacity in paper and petroleum refining has grown less than 2 per cent a year. Only one new petroleum refinery has opened since 1969. In five years, cement productive capacity has hardly grown at all. In the last one and one half years, not one cement plant has been brought into production.

Marianne Means

Hoffa Claims Double-Cross

WASHINGTON — Former Teamster boss James Hoffa has testified under oath that he believes he was double-crossed by ex-White House counsel Charles Colson, who played a major role in Hoffa's release from Federal prison nearly two years ago.

What Hoffa is protesting is a condition of the Executive clemency granted by President Nixon that forbids him to assume even indirect management of any labor organization before March 6, 1980. The purpose of the abnormal restriction, which may be unconstitutional, is to prevent Hoffa from seeking his old job as Teamster president in 1976, when the term of current president, Frank Fitzsimmons, expires.

"I blame one man in my opinion, Colson," Hoffa said. He repeated the accusation several times during a deposition taken for a defamation-of-character suit filed against the Manchester (N.H.), Union Leader by ex-White House adviser Murray Chotiner.

Colson, in similar testimony under oath, repeatedly refused to clarify his role in Hoffa's clemency and admitted only that he had discussed the subject with both Fitzsimmons and the President.

"I'm not going to go into the question of what I advised or did not advise the President with respect to this particular matter," he said.

In his Watergate testimony,

John Dean identified Colson as the major contact between Hoffa's friends and the President and an important force in the timing of Hoffa's release from prison for maximum political benefit. Other White House insiders have said that, although the Organized Crime Division of the Justice Department recommended against parole, Colson and Attorney General John Mitchell urged the President to free Hoffa.

The President commuted Hoffa's sentence four months after the U.S. Parole Board had rejected Hoffa's parole application for the third time. Shortly thereafter, the Teamsters Union and persons doing business with the union contributed generously to the President's re-election campaign; Hoffa enthusiastically endorsed the President; and the Teamsters Union executive board came out for both the President and his economic policies. It all happened at the beginning of the 1972 primaries, when the White House was busily wooing hard hats and other working men, such as truckers.

But the arrangements was not tidy. Hoffa was caught by surprise at the clemency restriction. He testified that he first learned of the condition after he had signed the release and was out of prison. He also pointedly observed "I met with Fitzsimmons in Lewisburg (the prison) that very same night before the release) and he did not mention restrictions to me."

THE FAMILY LAWYER

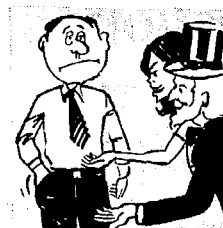
Bankruptcy:

Almost two billion dollars in debts will be wiped out this year in the nation's bankruptcy courts. Almost one American in every 1,000 will take this means of "getting out from under."

Most of them will emerge with a clean slate. However, there are certain kinds of obligations that bankruptcy does not touch. The most important are:

- 1) Taxes less than three years old. This includes taxes owed to federal, state, or local governments.
- 2) Debts based on family obligations. This includes alimony and child support.
- 3) Debts based on a written false financial statement. Suppose, for example, that in obtaining a personal loan you deceived the lender by purposely understating your liabilities. Under these circumstances, you would ordinarily remain liable for the loan even after going through bankruptcy.
- 4) Debts based on "willful and malicious" injury inflicted on persons or property. Usually this involves liability for causing an automobile accident. Thus:

A drunken driver, travelling



at high speed on a rainy night, swerved across the double line and smashed into an oncoming car. Held liable afterward in damages, he sought refuge in bankruptcy. But a court said bankruptcy did not wipe out this debt, because his driving was not just negligent but "willful and malicious."

Non-auto injuries may also be considered willful and malicious. In another case, a man allowed his vicious bulldog to run free even after it had bitten three pedestrians. When a fourth victim went to court and won a sizeable verdict, the dog's owner tried to escape through bankruptcy.

But again, a court held him still liable. The judge said bankruptcy laws were meant to protect the hapless debtor, not the malicious wrongdoer.

BERRY'S WORLD

"I don't like this begging at the table — particularly, when you get to eat meat and I don't!"

SJ Township Taxing Called Unequal

Costs Of Fairplain City Status Explained

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

People of Fairplain last night were presented an estimated budget and tax rate for the proposed city of Fairplain. They also were told that city status means uniform assessing for tax purposes, plus control of zoning and code enforcement to

protect their property. The case for a new city was made before a crowd of nearly 500 who virtually filled Fairplain junior high at a meeting sponsored by

the Committee for the City of Fairplain.

Alleged inequities in assessment were leveled at St. Joseph township while the need for

better code enforcement and stricter zoning was aimed at Benton township. The City of Fairplain would be formed from parts of both townships.

Committee spokesman Richard Hagenauer presented an estimated general fund budget of \$477,000 to run the proposed city on a municipal tax rate of 7 mills — right in between the 8.5 currently levied by Benton township and the 5.4 levied by St. Joseph township.

The recommended form of government is an elected council and mayor with a manager in charge of administration. Police and fire departments would be merged, according to Hagenauer, with a full time complement of seven backed by 10 volunteer-reserves.

Hagenauer also displayed charts purporting to show that Fairplain residents of St. Joseph township are paying a bigger share of taxes on what their property is worth than are homeowners in St. Joseph township living west of the river.

He acknowledged property values are higher west of the river because of different school districts. But the equalized valuation on the western property is less than the state standard of one-half of market value, Hagenauer said.

Property in the Fairplain portion of St. Joseph township generally is assessed to conform with one-half of market value, said Hagenauer, in basing his contention on comparison of real estate sales this year.

Atty. Roccy DeFrancesco said incorporation would protect the borders of Fairplain against annexation by another municipality. He noted the City of St. Joseph has been nibbling away at unincorporated St. Joseph township with 13 successful annexations since 1949.

DeFrancesco observed that residents of east Fairplain in Benton township are alarmed by rezoning decisions and the need for stricter building code enforcement.

"You can't control what's going to happen here under present circumstances," said DeFrancesco, explaining the interest of Fairplain residents is Fairplain not the North Shore or other areas of the township.

DeFrancesco repeated previous committee statements that incorporation would not alter school district boundaries.

Leonard Menchinger said more signatures are needed to meet a petition requirement of 1,452 to take before the State Boundary commission. He also mentioned the committee is not adverse to cash contributions for the incorporation struggle.

During the meeting, the committee announced 1,136 signatures had been obtained, then proceeded to sign up more.

Mrs. Nancy Clark warned: "We live in a beautiful community, but we had better do something before more people leave."

"There's going to be a fight. They'll throw every legal tech-

nality in the book at us" she said in referring to incorporation opposition from the townships.

Mrs. Clark, a county com-

missioner, declared she currently is the only elected representative from the four precincts that would comprise the City of Fairplain.

Persons who want to sign petitions can contact her at 178 Meadow terrace; Mrs. Patsy Oldham, 1922 Union, or Mrs. Dot Brooks, 593 Waverly.



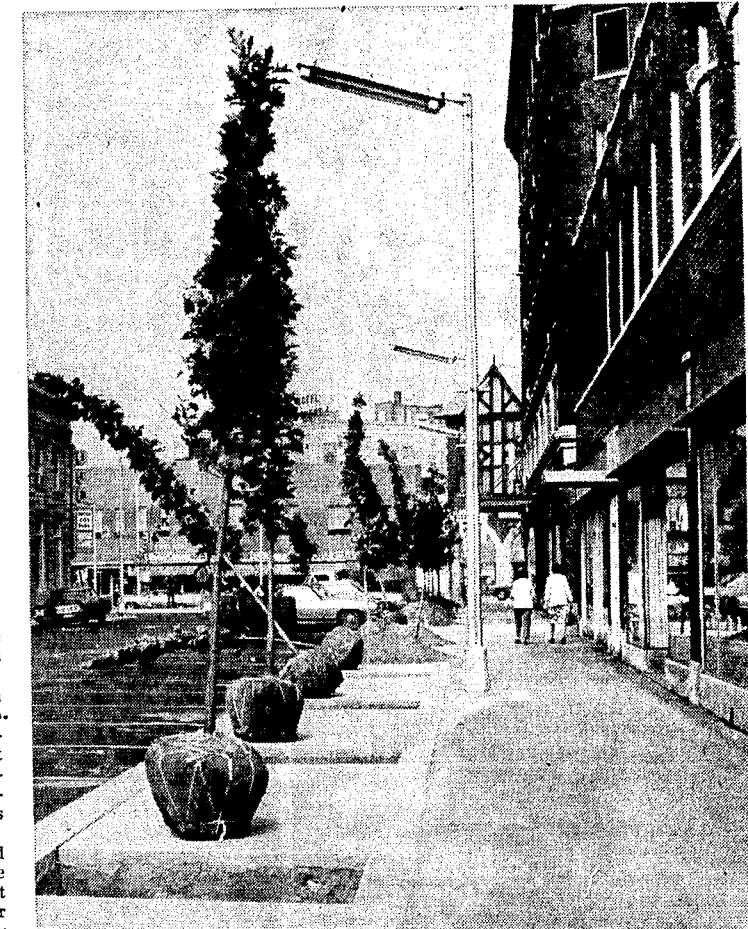
BIG CROWD AT FAIRPLAIN: Audience listens intently as Committee for City of Fairplain explains incorporation issues at meeting in

Fairplain junior high. Committee is backing city status for Fairplain. (Staff photos)

St. Joseph Twp FAIRPLAIN PORTION				St. Joseph Twp WEST OF RIVER			
Selling Price	SEV	SP/SEV		Selling Price	SEV	SP/SEV	
17900	9200	1.93		22500	8361	2.69	
20000	9735	2.07		24900	8526	2.82	
22500	10316	2.06		25000	10916	2.29	
23000	11245	1.94		26000	11613	2.24	
23500	11824	1.87		29000	13703	2.12	
24500	12077	2.03		29500	11845	2.49	
24700	11116	2.22		29750	11774	2.53	
24900	10494	2.33		30000	11613	2.58	
25000	7332	3.36		31000	13238	2.34	
27000	14241	1.92		34000	12309	2.76	
27500	13471	2.04		39000	16258	2.40	
28000	11832	1.95		42000	18580	2.26	
				46500	14400	3.23	
				ACRAGE			
24116	11435	2.10		31473	12572	2.50	

ASSESSMENT COMPARISONS: Richard Hagenauer (right) said these charts of home sales and assessments represent a "coup de grace" against St. Joseph township for assessment practices that favor property on the west side of the river. Western property values are higher, but their state equalized valuations on which taxes are assessed don't represent the state standard of one-half of market value. Hagenauer said the selling prices were obtained from a realtor on homes sold this year. The SEV column is the state equalized

valuation of the homes and SP-SEV is selling price divided by state equalized valuation. This should equal 2 to represent fair assessing practices, Hagenauer said. The quotient for the Fairplain portion of St. Joseph township is 2.10 reflecting more conformance with state equalized valuation and meaning that homes in Fairplain are inequitably assessed, said Hagenauer who spoke at incorporation meeting along with Atty. Roccy DeFrancesco (center) and Leonard Menchinger (left).



MICHIGAN STREET PLANTINGS: Reconstruction of Michigan street in Benton Harbor also includes planting of maples and oaks for beautification. Plantings are along the remaining two blocks of Michigan from Pipestone to the YMCA and Palladium Publishing Co. building. Michigan once extended through to Colfax avenue, but was cut off to make way for new Market street under urban renewal.



EYE-SORE REMOVED: New curbing and planting of trees has removed unsightly barrels that for several years barricaded Michigan street from Pipestone in Benton Harbor. (Staff photos)

Gas Heat Users Seek Backup Oil Supply

The Twin Cities area Chamber of Commerce and a group of 20 firms, schools and hospitals are looking into the possibility of purchasing a large supply of fuel oil to assure heating needs during the winter months.

The chamber anticipates the need at as much as two million gallons with the cost expected to exceed \$500,000 at current prices.

The concerns involved include hospitals, schools, and industrial firms which all are on a system of interruptible gas service with

the gas company and use oil as a substitute fuel.

During a meeting Tuesday at the chamber, a committee was formed to see if a large supply of fuel oil is available and what the cost is for such a supply. Another meeting is expected shortly to report on results.

Roger Curry, executive vice-president of the chamber, said the idea being considered is to form a consortium of large fuel users to pool enough resources to assure them energy to guarantee operation through the year.

The private and public interests envision a possible crisis situation if faced with both a severe winter and scanty fuel supplies and want to avoid shutting doors or laying off employees, Curry

explained.

One problem is that fuel oil has become very costly, Curry said. The price has risen from 15 cents in April to about 33 cents a gallon, including shipping and storage. Also, suppliers want confirmation of purchases within a matter of hours which prevents shopping around for better prices, he said.

Curry noted that a fuel allocation bill is now in the House of Representatives which may allocate fuel at 1972 needs. But Berrien county had a mild winter last year and many of the concerns don't feel they can operate at last year's fuel levels. Last year, all had to use oil for periods of two weeks to two months. Curry said there are other complications such as the need for

both heavy and thin oil. Some companies might have to change furnaces to use light oil. Also under consideration is where to store the oil and how to transport it to outlying areas.

A report out of Washington, D.C. Tuesday said the Nixon administration plans a mandatory allocation system on home heating oil. Administration officials said the nation's heating supply may be just barely adequate for a mild winter.

Fairplain West PTA

To Hold Open House

Fairplain West PTA will sponsor an open house Thursday to unveil the elementary school's new Learning Center.

Principal Rance Deckard said the open house will start at 7 p.m. The PTA also will be conducting a "book fair" with more than 700 volumes on display. Books may be purchased for individual use or donated to the Learning Center.

Fairplain West PTA last year made creation of the Learning Center its principal project. Funds raised at a school carnival were used to buy paint, carpeting and shelving with parents providing the labor.

The Learning Center is a combination library-audio visual-instructional materials center.

SJ Schoolgirl Struck By Truck

Three persons were injured in Twin City area traffic accidents Tuesday.

St. Joseph police said Peggy Sue Pringle, 7, of 901 Mohawk lane, was struck by a truck in front of Jefferson school, South State street. She was treated for apparently minor injuries at Memorial hospital. The truck Donald Lee Bird, 30, Freeport told police he could not see the girl in front of the truck. No ticket was issued.

Jessie Dean Jenkins, 45, 345 Bluff court, St. Joseph township,

was reported in "fair" condition at Mercy hospital after an accident at Lakeshore drive and Wissing lane. St. Joseph township police said a car driven by Gary D. Butzbach, 22, of 2792 Somerlayton road, Benton Harbor, collided with Jenkins' auto. Butzbach was ticketed for failure to stop in a safe and assured distance.

Kathy Sue Ketcham, 17, of 424 West Napier avenue, was treated and released at Mercy hospital after a car she was driving struck a utility pole at State street and Kingsley avenue, St. Joseph. Police said she was ticketed for careless driving.

Property Clean-Up Inspection Planned

THREE OAKS — Alfred Hellenka, Three Oaks township supervisor, said last night that an inspection is to be made of properties ordered cleared of debris under a township clean-up program.

Owners of the properties, said Hellenka, had been sent notices several months ago ordering the clean-up. The inspection would be to determine if the owners had complied.

Hellenka, in making his report to the township board, said properties found still littered would be subject to further action.

In other areas, the board rejected a request for a donation from Blossomtime Inc.

Hellenka said he would investigate a request of residents on Schwark road for a stop sign at the north end of the road.

BH Teacher Urges Statewide Bargaining

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A Benton Harbor high school teacher told a legislation commission of the Michigan Education association he's interested in statewide bargaining for teachers.

Paul Weber broached the matter of statewide bargaining last night at the first in a series of hearings the MEA's commission will conduct around the state to get the pulse of teachers on what they want in the form of legislation. The opening meeting in the series was conducted last night at the St. Joseph Upton junior high.

The MEA is both a professional association and a bargaining union for a majority of elementary and high school teachers in the

state.

Weber, who is legislation committee chairman for the Benton Harbor chapter of MEA, suggested statewide bargaining could take the shape of a state organization negotiating with the state board of education for a master contract on behalf of all teachers in the state.

Teachers should have the right to bargain with the state since the state's directing their work, Weber said.

The state could pay part of contract costs, and local units a share, too.

About a dozen teachers and MEA officials attended, a light turnout blamed on school open houses. Legislation commissioners were Paul Cousins of Dexter and Dan Welburn, secretary and legislative consultant.

Last night's hearing was the first of 10 across the state as the MEA legislation commission hears grass-roots sentiment by teachers on what it should present to the MEA board of directors for proposal to the state legislature.

Welburn said the last time state-level bargaining surfaced was about 1966 or 1967, but it would require a constitutional amendment. Further, local school boards appear "pretty jealous" of their rights, he said.

Welburn asked if a regional council of teachers might be formed, but those attending last night indicated "no" for a variety of reasons including local MEA units' desire to retain their own identity.

But, teacher groups have drawn closer together because of a

Berrien-Cass county "task force or coalition of school boards aimed at limiting the extent of new 1973-74 contracts, according to Geoff Masters, executive director for the northern Berrien area of MEA.

He charged the task force was "illegal" because it in effect restrained teachers' rights to bargain and said superintendents reported they could have paid teachers more were it not for the task force.

The legislation commission will meet at 7 tonight in Fremont junior high school for west central Michigan area teachers. Those who missed last night's meet could attend there, at a president's conference Friday and Saturday in Battle Creek, or write comments to the MEA headquarters, spokesmen said.



QUEEN OF SHERIFF'S FLEET: The "battleship" of the Berrien sheriff's marine division fleet, a 1962 28-foot cruiser with twin V-8 engines, is inspected by Sheriff Forrest Jewell (left) and Lt. William Beilman. County commissioners recently okayed its purchase for \$5,000. It replaces a 23-foot patrol boat at New Buffalo that's been dwarfed by some of the craft it has hauled off Lake Michigan, sheriff reports. (Staff photo)

SW Michigan Residents In Big Drawing

From Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — An Edwardsburg woman and a Mattawan man are among the record 19 contestants who will split up \$980,000 in prizes Thursday at the Michigan State Lottery's 45th Super Drawing in Dearborn.

Seeking the top prize of

\$200,000 will be Marian Fitz, 45, part-time dishwasher whose husband is retired in Edwardsburg, and Gerald Curtis, 23, Mattawan, a fork lift operator with two children.

Three persons will win \$10,000; fifteen will win \$50,000 and one will take home \$200,000. The drawing will be held at the Youth Center in the city complex.

Other contestants are:

Edward Williams, 48, Toledo, Ohio, a married sales representative for Morton Salt Co. with five children; Anthony Zientarski, Detroit; Marvin Lab, 37, Durand, an unmarried engineer for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad; Don Porter, 49, Royal Oak, an unmarried car mechanic.

Virginia Stanislawski, 55, Detroit, a widow; Kenneth Fox, 53, Detroit, a truck driver married with one child; Sam Di Bella, 36, East Detroit, an insurance agent who has six children.

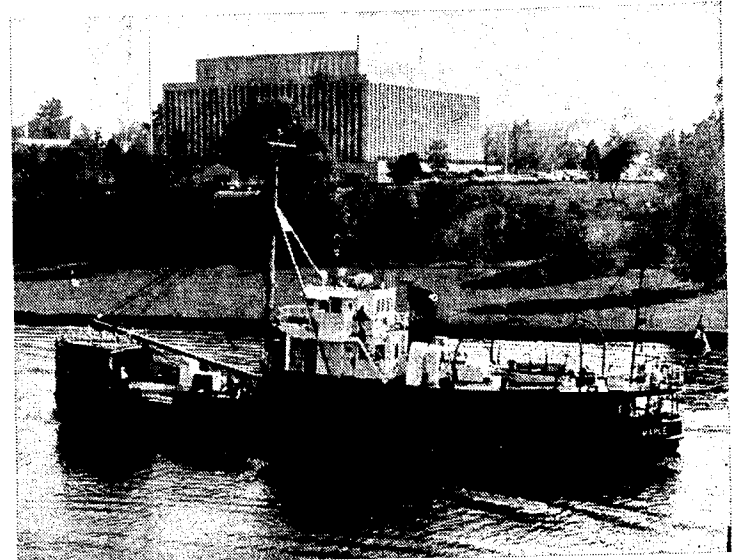
Robert P. Bors, 22, Royal Oak, an assembly line worker for Ford Motor Co.; Bernard Paul, 55, Grosse Pointe Woods, who works with his wife at their lounge. They have two children.

Charles F. Woolcott, Milan; Ralph Guest, Mount Clemens; Shirley Keesler, Morrice; Joseph Roberts Jr., 30, Lansing, a certified public accountant with three children; Arthur Pachulski, 49, Warren, a body designer for Fisher Body Division of General Motors, who has one son;

Lottie Rynkiewicz, 61, Detroit, a housewife with three children and seven grandchildren; Al Kowalczyk, 31, Grand Rapids, a master plumber with two children; Lillian Greenwald, 49, Oak Park, a secretary whose husband is a salesman.

BOY DROWNS

DETROIT (AP) — A 4-year-old Detroit boy fell into a canal while fishing on the city's East Side Tuesday and drowned.



IN AND OUT: Visitor to Benton Harbor-St. Joseph yesterday was the "Maples," a University of Michigan Great Lakes research boat. The craft passed through Blossomland bridge about 4:30 p.m., tied up for about an hour at Central Docks and then left. The 157-foot long boat is a former Coast Guard buoy tender. (Staff Photo)

Niles Area Fathers Ordered To Pay Up On Child Support

A Berrien circuit judge this week ordered four dads with children on public support to pay off \$2,792.50 in arrears.

According to George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, Judge William S. White ordered:

—Larry Arnold Phillips, of 1908 Walton road, Niles, to pay \$35 weekly support for two children on ADC and \$5 weekly on \$282.50 arrears.

—Robert Lee Biggs, Sr., of Niles, to pay \$33 weekly support for three children on ADC, and pay \$532.50 arrears immediately.

—Toby Waggoner, of 2415 South 16th street, Niles, to pay \$23 weekly support for one child on ADC, and pay \$345.50 arrears at \$5 weekly.

—Dale W. Anstiss of Niles to pay \$34 weekly support for two children on ADC and pay \$1,632 arrears immediately.

Taxes Remain Same

SMC Budget \$1.5 Million

DOWAGIAC — A 1973-74 budget of \$1,565,745 was adopted last night by the Southwestern Michigan college board.

The general fund budget shows revenue and expenditures of \$1,565,745 compared to last year's \$1,403,875 figure.

Principal items of expected revenue are \$375,843 from tuition; \$297,481 local taxes, and \$892,400 state aid.

Major expenditures listed were \$403,360 for the arts and science division; \$449,911 for applied sciences; \$211,813 administration; \$191,401 student services and \$140,514 facilities.

The budget is based on a local levy of 1.5 mills against taxable property value, the same amount levied by the college since it was founded, with one minor exception.

An annual audit by the Niles firm of Becksfort and Bussler showed a June 30 building and site fund balance of \$398,732 remaining from the 1965 bond sale of \$1.5 million. Interest of \$16,000 and expenditures of \$107,000 are budgeted for the current year.

The college still owes \$1,275,000 on the bonds.

Dr. Fred L. Mathews, board president, said that SMC buildings, costing \$3,547,650 to build, are now valued at about \$5 million.

In other areas, the board accepted the \$4,255 bid of Schuell Fencing and Supply company, South Bend, Ind., to install a chain link fence around the new quarter mile track and athletic events area. Schuell was low of three bidders.

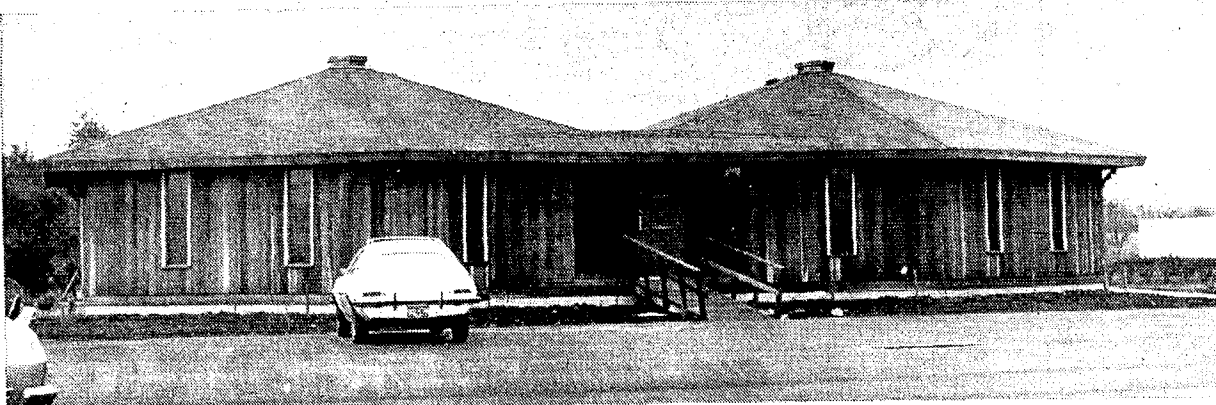
Hartford School Bonds Sold

HARTFORD — A \$3,950,000 bond issue for school construction in Hartford was sold to a Chicago investment firm by the Hartford school board last night.

Supt. Gary Waterkamp said the issue went to the John Nuveen and Company, Chicago on its net average interest of 5.3755 per cent. The interest rate, said Waterkamp, was the lowest among the five bids received.

School district voters approved issuance of the bonds in a district wide election previously. Funds are to be used to construct a new elementary school and an addition to the high school and finance remodeling work at other existing buildings.

Additional classrooms are needed, according to Waterkamp, to get the district's students off half-day scheduling and out of portable classrooms.



CHIROPRACTIC CENTER OPENS: Jones Chiropractic Life center has been opened in Buchanan, featuring diagnostic and treatment facilities. Structure, located at West Front street and

Bakertown road, consists of two hexagon buildings connected by hallway. Center is operated by Dr. Kenneth R. Jones. (Staff photo)

Two Are Charged In Pistol-Whipping

Two South Bend men were arrested yesterday evening by detectives from the Berrien sheriff's department and South Bend police in connection with a Tuesday morning pistol-whipping-kidnapping in Buchanan township.

The woman who was reportedly kidnaped, Baunita Howard, 24, of South Bend, was found unharmed in South Bend, according to detectives.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon were John F. Haringer, 25, and Boyd Howard, 31. Haringer was lodged in the Berrien county jail, and Howard held at the South Bend jail to await extradition.

Detectives said Glen Sult, 53, owner of the Red Bud Inn on Red

Bud trail, and his wife were pistol-whipped while in their apartment above the Inn at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday. One of the waitresses at the Inn, Baunita Howard, was abducted by two armed men after the beating, detectives reported.

Police identified Baunita Howard as the estranged wife of Boyd Howard. Officers said they were conferring with the Berrien prosecutor's office to determine if additional charges would be filed.

Sult was treated at St. Joseph Memorial hospital and released yesterday morning, and his wife had been treated and discharged at Buchanan Community hospital earlier.

Berrien Det. Jon Nichols said the two suspects were arrested at

two homes in South Bend about 6 p.m.

In a similar incident, state police at the Niles post were investigating a report that a man was pistol-whipped and a woman manhandled in Niles township about 6 a.m. yesterday.

Pat Oshan, 24, of 2107 Kathryn street, Niles township, told troopers two men broke into her residence, held a gun on her, and questioned her concerning the whereabouts of another man.

She told police Charles Moore, 25, of Niles, came to her residence a short time later, and was pistol-whipped by the two men. Moore was later treated for a serious head cut at Niles Pawling hospital and released.

LAWTON — Application of King's tavern for a state license to sell liquor by the glass was given clearance by the Lawton village council last night.

A second establishment, the Spot tavern, becomes eligible for a similar license Jan. 1 and will also be considered, a council spokesman said. Both require state approval before being issued and becoming effective.

Council action was the first step in trying to give both taverns the privilege to sell liquor by the glass as approved in a village referendum about a year ago.

In other action, the council awarded Yates Engineering company, Joplin, Mo., the \$2,650 contract for cleaning the village water tower and voted to take bids for work on a new roof for the village hall.

The council disclosed that the final payment of \$5,00 from Lawton Manor for lease of village land due Sept. 1 has not been paid.

The council extended the deadline until the November meeting. Robert Jenkins, co-owner of the 62-apartment for retired persons, said he is

currently in the process of being refinanced and expects to be able to make the final installment by the deadline.

Jenkins obtained for \$15,000 a

99-year lease on village land for the site for the manor and then negotiated with village officials for an installment payment plan.

GALIEN TOWNSHIP

Final Zoning Code Draft Begins Soon

GALIEN — work on a final draft of a proposed Galien township zoning code will begin soon Galien township board was told last night.

In a letter to the board, township Atty. Chalmers Ackerman of Three Oaks said he was ready to resume meetings with the zoning board to work on the draft.

Supervisor Paul Smith said the proposed zoning code is expected to be ready to take to the public early next year.

In other action, the board tabled a request from Blossomtime, inc., for a \$5 donation; approved purchase of a filter screen for the fire department for use when drawing water from creeks or ponds at a cost of \$102 from Fessco Fire and Safety Equipment, Niles; and learned that two new water tapes and an electric water pump had been installed at the cemetery by Crawford Well Drilling, New Troy, at a cost of \$772.

Cattle Rustlers Strike In Cass

NILES — Cattle rustlers struck a Cass county farm near here yesterday afternoon.

State police at Niles said Gilbert Gescheidle, manager of Jerri Lee farms, M-51 at Thompson road in Pokagon township, reported registered Black Angus cattle were taken from a field at the main farm between 1 and 3 p.m.

Police said rustlers apparently backed a truck up to a field in which the cattle were located, cut a fence, and loaded cattle into the truck.

Gescheidle first became aware of the theft when a motorist stopped to report cattle running loose on the highway.

Police said this morning that extent of the loss had not been determined as the remaining cattle had scattered into corn fields and had to be rounded up.